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MEMORANDUM

TO: MichCon H Site File

FROM: Robert J. Wilson, START Project Manager, E & E, Taylor, Michigan

THROUGH: Michael Dieckhaus, START Assistant Program Manager, E & E, Taylor, Michigan

DATE: August 20, 1998

SUBJECT: Site activities at MichCon H on August 18 and 19, 1998, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan
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On August 17, 1998, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Section Chief, Jason El-Zein requested that the Ecology and Environment, Inc., (E & E) Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START) meet potentially responsible party (PRP) representatives and consultants at the MichCon H site on August 18, 1998. On August 18, 1998, at approximately 0930 hours, START met with MichCon representative Eric Lee and MichCon's consultant representative, Daniel Strybel of Fluor Daniel GTI at the MichCon H site. At this meeting, Mr. Lee informed START that approximately 300 feet of the perimeter fence on the north end of the site along the railroad tracks had been removed. The chain link had been removed from the fence posts, rolled up, and left on site. START documented the damaged fence, conducted the meeting with Mr. Lee and Mr. Strybel, and returned to the START office in Taylor, MI. START contacted U.S. EPA Section Chief Jason El-Zein and informed him of the damaged fence at the site. At approximately 1330 hours, START returned to the MichCon H site to meet with U.S. EPA On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) Ross Powers. OSC Powers informed START that U.S. EPA contacted the Fourth Precinct of the City of Detroit Police Department (DPD) to report the damaged fence. The DPD representative informed U.S. EPA that two men were discovered at the MichCon H site with a section of the fence in their vehicle and were arrested. DPD recovered the section of fence as stolen property and were holding it at the Fourth Precinct. OSC Powers also stated that U.S. EPA was attempting to contact Owens Fencing and have them return to site to repair the fence, but no one from Owens Fencing was available until August 19, 1998.

On August 19, 1998, OSC Powers, START, and representatives of Owens Fencing arrived at site at approximately 0830 hours. OSC Powers informed Owens Fencing that the fence was to be repaired using as much of the existing chain link as possible. The fence was to be tack welded to the fence posts, and a yellow strip was to be painted along the perimeter fence to act as a deterrent to future theft attempts and an identification marker if the fence was stolen. Owens Fencing departed site to obtain the necessary materials to complete the job, and OSC Powers and START went to the DPD Fourth Precinct so OSC Powers could sign a release for the fence section seized by DPD as stolen property. At approximately 1030 hours,

Owens Fencing returned to site, and START instructed them to go to the DPD Fourth Precinct to retrieve the fence section. Owens Fencing obtained the fence section and returned to site to repair the fence. Owens Fencing repaired the damaged section of the fencing using chain link that could be salvaged from the original fence including an additional 40 feet of new chain link. Owens Fencing painted a yellow stripe on the fence and welded the chain link to the fence posts. Owens completed the job, and all departed site at approximately 1800 hours on August 19, 1998.



Owens Fencing Contractor Painting Yellow Stripe on Fence
Photo taken by Ross Powers, 8/19/98, 4:00pm